



Acknowledgements

With grateful hearts, the family of Brenda Sue Russ wishes to express our gratitude for your many acts of kindness displayed during this time of sorrow and grief. Your prayers, phone calls, visitation, texts, laughter and shared memories have brought much joy and happiness to our hearts. It has helped ease the burden of her passing. We pray God's continued blessings upon each of you.

Special thanks to the medical staff at UF Health & Riverside Post Acute.

God Only Takes The Best

By Christopher Warner

God saw that she was getting tired
And a cure was not meant to be,
So he put his arms around her
And whispered, "Come with me."
With tearful eyes we watched her
Suffer and watched her fade away,
Although we loved her dearly,
We could not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating and a
Warm, loving heart is laid to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove
To us that he only takes the best.

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Sunrise
APRIL 13, 1955

Sunset
APRIL 7, 2026

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR
Brenda
SUE RUSS

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 - 3:00 P.M.

Q.L. Douglas Funeral Home
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2403 Edison Avenue | Jacksonville, Florida 32204

Reverend Turret Laidler, Officiating

A Life Well Lived

"A life well lived is a gift to the loved ones you leave behind."

"Her" Story

To know Brenda was to love her...

Her magnetic personality and character endeared her to so many whose paths she crossed. In her younger days, her beauty and style caused her to be known by many as "Red Bone" and "The Black Farrah Fawcett" and many others simply knew her as "Brenda Sue" or "Auntie." She carried a light that could brighten any room, and a spirit so vibrant it will never be forgotten.

Whether she was related to you or not she played a much bigger role to others. Brenda would be a mother figure to anyone she connected with. She would clothe you, feed you and even provide shelter if you needed it (but you couldn't stay too long!) Known for her quick wit, sharp tongue, painfully blunt hilarious humor, and sometimes even tough love...she didn't mind telling anyone how it IS, but most importantly her influence always left you feeling empowered and loved.

Brenda had an infectious sense of humor that left everyone in laughter, her unwavering love and dedication to her family, or her gift for connecting her "young" spirit with all children and the younger generation.... Brenda made every moment of her life count by living it to the fullest.

Her Life

Ms. Brenda Sue Russ was born on April 13, 1955, in Jacksonville, Florida. She was the cherished daughter of the late Reverend Frank Russ and Blondina Williams Russ Thomas.

She was a proud graduate of New Stanton Senior High School, Class of 1973, in Jacksonville, Florida. In the 1990s, she relocated to Daytona Beach, Florida, where she became a devoted member of Fellowship Union Church of God under the leadership of her father, Rev. Frank Russ. Brenda was a dedicated employee for many years at the Florida Times Union Center in Jacksonville, Florida, as well as the Ocean

Center Convention Center in Daytona Beach, Florida, from which she later retired, and relocated back to Jacksonville, leaving behind an example of hard work and commitment.

She was preceded in death by her beloved parents; her sisters, Patricia Harris and Lucinda Russ; and her brothers, Franklin Russ, Frankington Russ, Daniel Russ, Christopher Russ, and David Russ.

Her Legacy

Brenda had a deep love for her family, and a bold, loud, and unapologetic passion for being her loving, hilarious, and boisterous self. She had a way of turning ordinary conversations into treasured memories, always filled with laughter, wisdom, life lessons, and a little golden advice that stayed with you long after. Even as her health declined, the endurance of Brenda's spirit remained bright...often still joking and bringing smiles to her family and friends faces, her inner strength was a testament to us all, and while our hearts will always now feel the weight of her absence, we find comfort in knowing that our loss is truly heaven's gain. Brenda's laughter, love, and beautifully bold unforgettable spirit graced her with a fearless approach to living life without regret. "Her" story will continue to live on forever in the hearts of all, who were blessed to know her.

"Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories."

Brenda leaves to cherish her precious memories to her loving children, Tamara Chanikk La'Tina Russ and Marion Clyde Crawford; her stepmother, Ruth Russ; her sisters, Barnette Russ and Cynthia Russ; her brothers, Wendell "James" Russ, Theodore (Orella) Williams, and Claudie Williams; her devoted great-niece and caregiver, Tekeyia Haynes; her special neighbor, Ms. Ann M. Daniels and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and dear friends whose lives she touched in countless ways.

Order of Service

Reverend Rashard Willis, Presiding
Greater Beulah Missionary Baptist Church

Processional/Viewing

Selection Pastor Erich Jackson

Scriptures:
Old Testament Ruth Russ
New Testament Vonice Green

Invocation Randall Russ

Selection Pastor Erich Jackson

Reflections:
As a Daughter Tamara Russ
As a Sister Cynthia Russ
As a God-daughter Lawanda McDuffie
As a Friend

Poem Shirley Wilson

Acknowledgements Azizi Merriweather

Resolutions Danielle Willis

Selection Pastor Erich Jackson

Words of Comfort Reverend Turret Laidler
Greater Beulah MBC

Committal & Benediction